



**STUDYING IN THE UK:**  
*THE ESSENTIAL FACTS FOR  
AMERICAN STUDENTS*



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# WHO IS THIS EBOOK FOR?

Study Across the Pond offers US students a plethora of resources to help you decide whether studying in the UK is right for you.

From Cover (Left to Right):  
Angel of the North - Newcastle, Edinburgh Castle - Edinburgh, Clock Tower (Big Ben) - London, Tower Bridge - London,

## THE KNOWLEDGE SEEKERS – THIS EBOOK!

Interested in studying in the UK? Our resources for The Knowledge Seekers will give you the essential information for you to decide whether a UK degree is just what you're looking for. Read our Guide to studying in the UK if you're at this stage.

## THE APPLIERS

Feel like you're ready to apply for a degree in the UK? [This checklist](#) will help you through the application process from choosing your course to getting a visa.

## THE DEPARTERS

Packed your bags and ready to go? You may already know most of what's in this checklist, but it's always good to double check you have everything ready. More content for the departers [can be viewed here...](#)

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## MEET THE AUTHOR

Considering moving abroad to study in the UK is a pretty big step in your life, but don't worry, I know exactly how it feels!

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Hi, my name is Ashley Chew, and I grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, before attending the University of Essex to get my Master's in Literature.

Across the Pond made the entire process so simple that, before I knew it, I was living and studying in the UK. It turned into one of the most rewarding twelve months of my life.

In this eBook, we will go through what you will need to begin the application process.

***Any questions?*** [Get in touch with me](mailto:info@studyacrossthepond.com), I'd love to hear what your aspirations are, and hopefully help you to achieve them.

*Ashley*

# 10 REASONS TO STUDY IN THE UK



NEARLY **500,000** STUDENTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD STUDY IN THE UK<sup>1</sup> EVERY YEAR



UK QUALIFICATIONS ARE RECOGNIZED BY EMPLOYERS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS GLOBALLY<sup>2</sup>



UK STUDENTS PRODUCE **14%** OF THE WORLD'S MOST HIGHLY CITED ACADEMIC PAPERS<sup>2</sup>



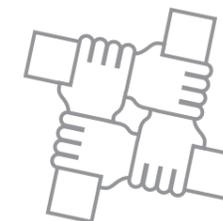
THE UK IS HOME TO A MULTI-CULTURAL SOCIETY WELCOMING STUDENTS FROM OVER **200 NATIONS**<sup>2</sup>



**10,000** STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR DEGREE THROUGH ACROSS THE POND



ACROSS THE POND PARTNERS WITH **35** OF THE **UK-LEADING BRITISH UNIVERSITIES** TO DELIVER DEGREES RIGHT FOR YOU



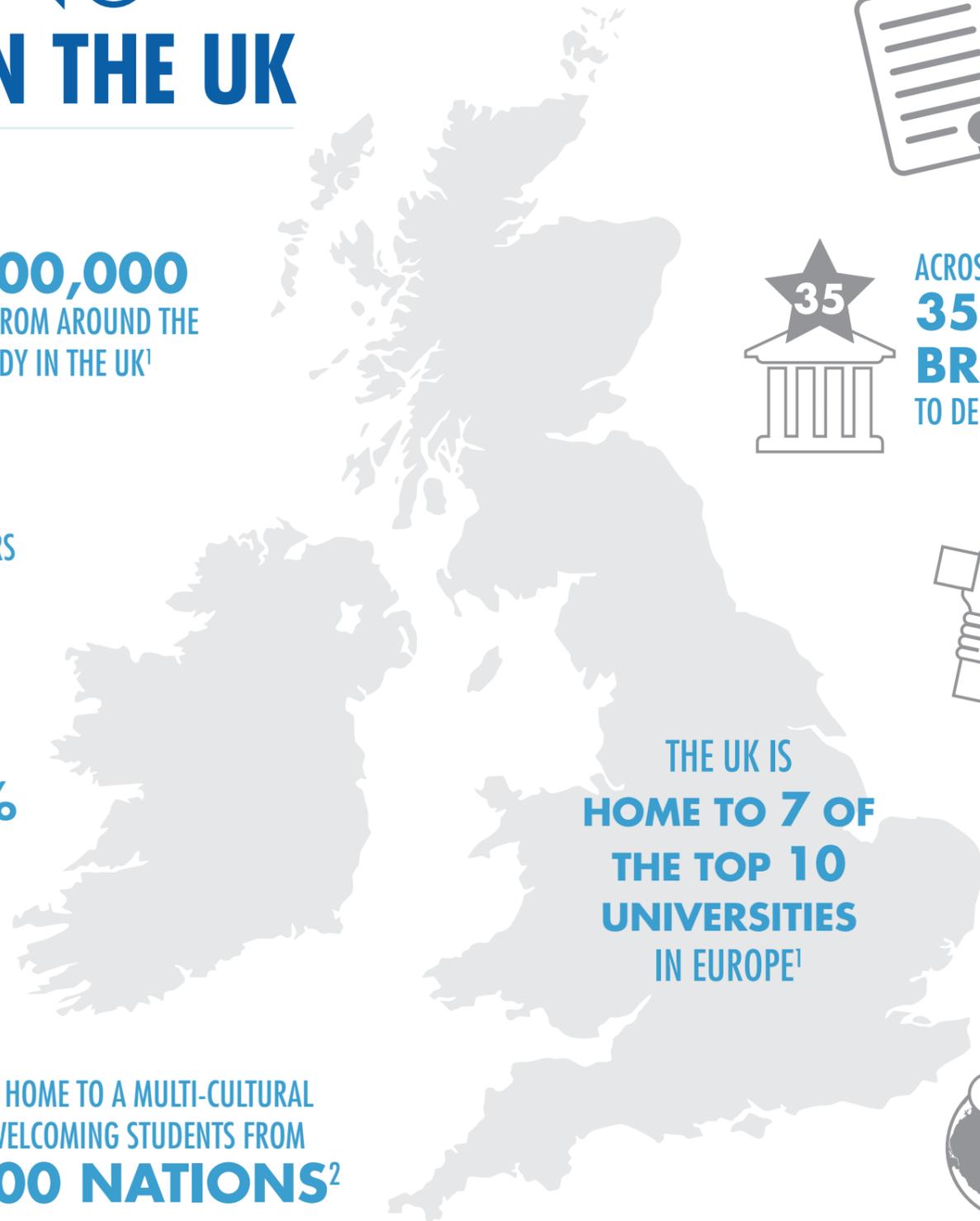
DEVELOP YOUR INTERPERSONAL SKILLS AND GAIN CULTURAL AWARENESS, INDEPENDENCE, COMMUNICATION, OPEN MINDEDNESS, CRITICAL THINKING AND ADAPTATION



**IT'S EASY TO TRAVEL** TO MAINLAND EUROPE AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD



**GAIN INTERNATIONAL** EDUCATION, EXPOSURE, LIFE EXPERIENCE AND POTENTIAL WORK EXPERIENCE



THE UK IS HOME TO **7** OF THE **TOP 10** UNIVERSITIES IN EUROPE<sup>1</sup>

# EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE



Stonehenge - Amesbury, Wiltshire

## **A BRITISH DEGREE IS HIGHLY REGARDED AROUND THE WORLD.**

Besides adding a line on your already impressive resume, a degree obtained from the UK indicates that you are an aspirational individual, determined to be a success.

Home to 7 of the top 10 best European universities and being ranked the world's 6th best educational system in the world<sup>3</sup>, studying in the UK can be the beginning of the rest of your life.

And if you ever doubt the benefit of studying in Britain, it's worth remembering that 1 in 10 current leaders around the world have studied in the UK.<sup>4</sup>

# QUALITY OF LIFE



Bamburgh Castle - Bamburgh, Northumberland

## HISTORY

A fascinatingly historic country steeped in centuries of power, the UK has been molded by turmoil and tension, wars and monarchs, to produce the world's most absorbing stories.

From Kings and Queens, to the most famous writers and scientists, the UK has been home to global icons that have changed the way we all live.

William Shakespeare, considered the world's greatest writer and author of 38 plays including *Hamlet* and *Romeo and Juliet*, is one of the UK's biggest attractions for English language, literature and drama students.

Sir Isaac Newton, described as the most influential scientist ever who formulated the theory about the nature of life and universal gravitation also plied his trade here in the UK.

The UK continues to be a hotbed of innovation and leadership in the 21st century, despite having a population a fifth of the size of the USA.

# POPULAR CULTURE

*Downton Abbey*, *Doctor Who* and *Sherlock* have rekindled the Americans' love for all things British. These UK made television shows and many more have never been so popular in North America.

For those looking to study in the UK, your trip provides a fantastic opportunity to visit the sets and the places that have influenced your favorite shows.

Soccer fans can also enjoy the sport in the country where 'football' began, and watch stars of the EPL, the most watched football league in the world<sup>5</sup>, every week live in stadiums around the UK.



Highclere Castle - Newbury

# MONARCHY

The Queen and the British Monarchy are a popular reason why tourists and students from around the world come to visit the UK.

Whether it is a trip to Buckingham Palace or the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain, Britain is steeped in hundreds of years of monarchy tales and rulership that has led to the country being what it is today.

## MONARCHY FACTS

- The Queen has two birthdays, one on April 21st and another one held in June
- Over 2 billion people globally watched Prince William and Kate marry in 2011
- Buckingham Palace has been valued at \$1.54 billion and has 775 rooms

# LONDON

One of the world's leading cities packed full of global corporations, the best tourist attractions and a plethora of celebrities from TV and cinema, London is a must-visit city while you are living in the UK.

As well as being home to some of the most sought-after fashion labels in the world, and theatre productions to rival Broadway, London is also home to some of the best educational establishments.



King's College London, now alongside the traditional Oxbridge universities are developing leaders of the future with a heavy focus on research.

In 2014, over 40% of King's College's research was described as 'world-leading' with law being their most-revered subject to study.

# MULTI CULTURAL



Due to the fascination people have around the world for the UK, it is no surprise that Britain is a diverse multi-cultural society.

The UK has embraced a melting pot of regions and religions including large Asian settlements from across India, Pakistan and China, as well as African and Caribbean<sup>6</sup> communities.

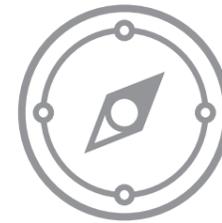
With the ever increasing numbers of students from around the world coming to study in the UK, the country continues to attract explorers who make their stay permanent.

# THE WAY IT WORKS

## INTERESTED IN HEARING MORE ABOUT GETTING YOUR DEGREE IN THE UK?

Here at Across the Pond, we can help you plan out your journey and decide whether studying overseas is the right move for you.

## We do this through a simple 3 - STEP PROCESS...



### 1 DISCOVER

We help you discover everything you need to know about studying in the UK, from visa requirements to identifying the best universities and courses for you to understanding all the options for funding.

To do this, speak to our personal advisors, who have all studied abroad themselves, and are ready to provide you with free, impartial and essential information and advice.



### 2 APPLY

Learn how to apply to up to 5 universities at once and get step-by-step guidance throughout the entire application process. We have already helped over 10,000 students make a successful application to study in the UK, and we have a dedicated team who can vastly improve the chances of your getting accepted.



### 3 PREPARE

Once you've secured your place at the university of your choice, we can provide help with every aspect of preparing to study in the UK. This includes everything from your visa applications and accommodation to running workshops and offering pre-departure guides to ensure you are comfortable in your new surroundings.

# TUITION FEES

When comparing US tuition fees with similarly regarded universities in the UK, you will see that studying in Britain is actually cheaper.

Undergraduates can expect to pay an average of \$16,000 per year with medical degrees costing up to \$58,000<sup>7</sup>.

Tuition fees in the UK for overseas postgraduate students generally range from \$17,000-\$35,000.

Although this is a broad price range, tuition fees depend purely on the university you choose and the course you study.

For those looking to study for an MBA, prices start at around \$25,000. In fact, nearly all masters programs in the UK last just 12 months—half the time it takes to complete the equivalent degree in the US.

# FUNDING

Funding options are available for students who wish to study abroad. With potential contributions from parents, and the option to work up to 20 hours per week on your student visa, these other options are also available to you:

- **US Federal Loans**

Federal student loans are available from the US government to aid your studies abroad

- **University Scholarships**

Merit-based, competitive scholarships offer up to \$2,000 for undergraduates and up to \$8,000 for postgraduates

- **Private Student Loans**

In addition to federal loans, some students private loans can also help to supplement cost - Just be aware of hefty interest rates!

# COST OF LIVING

The cost of living can be the biggest financial burden for those who study in the UK.

Outside of London, you will need around \$1300 per month for rent, food, transport, and other living needs. Inside London, expect to pay around \$1600 per month.

Here's a few examples of how much you can expect to pay for different everyday activities whilst you're living in the UK:

- **Cinema ticket – \$13**
- **McDonalds meal for one – \$8**
- **Cup of coffee – \$3.5**
- **Public transport journey – \$5**
- **Course text book – \$55**
- **Mobile phone (per month) – \$23\***

\*unlimited data & texts 12 month contract on 3 Network

## WHAT NEXT?

STUDYING  
IN THE UK  
SOUNDS  
PRETTY COOL,  
**RIGHT?**

The reasons why hundreds of thousands of students go to Britain every year is because it has a superb educational infrastructure and high quality of living at an affordable cost.

These students have spent their time at university living in a different country, learning life skills and becoming independent away from their families. They return to the US ready to begin their journey down a successful career path.

If you want to take the life-changing decision of studying in the UK, don't do it alone.

Across the Pond can help you discover degree programs available, streamline the application process and prepare you for the challenge of studying abroad. To discuss your options, talk to our advisors by [clicking here](#).



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